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Assassin Kills Soviet Leader In Leningrad

Kirov, Member of Central Committee, Shot Down By Former Government Employee; Inquiry Under Way

LENINGRAD, Dec. 1.—Sergei Mironovich Kirov, member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and Secretary of the Communist Party in Leningrad, was shot and killed by an assassin at the Party headquarters here today.

Several hours after the fatal pistol shot was fired, Leonid Nicolleff, formerly employed by the Workers' and Peasants' Inspection Bureau, was arrested as the assassin. He confessed to the killing.

Nicolleff attempted to kill himself immediately after he murdered Kirov, but inflicted only a mild wound.

The government has launched a widespread investigation of the killing to find out what other enemies of the working class were implicated.

* One Shot Fired.

Nicolleff will be taken to Moscow with forged identification papers. He fired one shot at Kirov from close range. The bullet lodged near Kirov's heart and he died within two hours.

Already many telegrams have been received from workers' and peasants' organizations throughout the Soviet Union urging that everyone implicated in the assassination be given the quick punishment deserved by all such enemies of a working class government. The Tzirk (parliament) met late today and passed a resolution to expedite speedy punishment of Nicolleff and all others involved, if there be any.

Kirov will be taken to Moscow within a few days, where sentence will be executed after a trial.

* Revolutionary Record.

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BOARD TO WEIGH RANCH STRIKERS' OTHER DEMANDS

SANTA MARIA, Calif., Dec. 3.—Having won substantial increases in pay after a strike lasting one week, the 3,000 lettuce pickers and shed workers are back on the job. All other demands have been submitted to an arbitration board which will meet before Dec. 30 and return a report before Dec. 14.

Since employers control a majority of the votes on the board, the workers are prepared to strike again if their major demands are not met.

Efficient, militant picketing, solidarity between Mexican, Negro, Filipino and white workers, and close co-operation between the various participating unions, characterized this strike.

Efforts of the Mexican consul from Los Angeles to play his usual strike-breaking role were spoiled by members of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union, who remembered his treachery during the Imperial Valley struggle.

The direction of migratory agricultural workers is now toward the San Luis Obispo pea fields where a crop is ripening that will require the work of between two and three thousand workers (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5).

VIGILANTES KEPT FROM CHOOSING C.S. TRIAL PANEL

COURT PACKED WITH WORKERS FORCES RULING OUT OF TWO OFFICERS

Both Active In Raids

GALLAGHER EXPOSES McALISTER AS OPEN TOOL OF BIG BUSINESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 3.—The first three days of the trial of eighteen workers on trumped-up charges of Criminal Syndicalism in Judge Lemmon's court here, have brought a partial victory to the workers.

The initial panel of jurors has been exhausted by challenge and a courtroom packed to the walls with militant workers succeeded in preventing Judge Lemmon from allowing the sheriff and the coroner both rabid "anti-reds" to select a second panel.

A regular jury commissioner, himself an admitted member of an organization which actively is participating in the suppression of Communism, has been given the privilege of calling the second group of prospective jurors.

Only a rising flood of telegrams and protest letters, combined with the vigilance of those workers who are attending the trial, will prevent the bosses from turning his partial victory into a defeat.

* Active In Raids.

The sheriff and the coroner were disqualified when they were forced to admit, on the witness stand, that both had been active in aiding the July vigilante raids upon all workers' halls here and that they had many times spoken freely against workers' organizations.

Leo Gallagher, militant I. L. D. attorney who is defending the now famous "eighteen," has succeeded in exposing Neil McAllister, the district attorney who didn't get re-elected, as the tool of the boss class.

"Do you?" Gallagher asked McAllister, "own stock in the P. G. & E., the Bank of America or the Growers' Association, who it may be brought out in the evidence, are behind this prosecution?"

McAllister flew into a vicious rage and had to be prevented from attacking Gallagher in the court room. He has objected to every question Gallagher has asked the prospective jurors, despite the fact that Judge Lemmon, not liking the losses of a court room packed with workers, has overruled his objections time and again.

* May Rush Conviction.

Because of the militant struggle which the workers are putting up against the obvious frame-up, the trial shows every indication of stretching out into January, when it is possible McAllister no longer will be able to serve as the "duly elected representative of the people." Because of this, it is expected the boss class will make an attempt to rush a conviction on the perjured evidence and outright lies which McAllister has cooked up against the eighteen workers.

The workers in Sacramento who are attending the trial are doing their part. It is up to other workers and their mass organizations to show their solidarity by flooding Governor Merriam's office and Judge Lemmon's

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DE JONGE APPEAL WILL BE CARRIED INTO HIGH COURT

SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS; 7 OTHER WORKERS FACE FRAME-UP

PORLTAND, Ore., Dec. 2.—Dirk De Jonge, Communist leader sentenced here last Monday by Judge Jacob Kanzler to seven years in Oregon State Penitentiary after being framed on Criminal Syndicalism charges, will have his case appealed to the State Supreme Court if motion for a new trial is not granted according to Irvin Goodman and Harry Gross, attorneys for the International Labor Defense who defended De Jonge.

The jury found De Jonge guilty after deliberating twenty-four hours, and as though conscious of the weakness of the frame-up, recommended "leniency." But the seven-year sentence imposed by Judge Kanzler is only three years under the limit.

De Jonge, in his final plea before sentence was passed, declared he did not come to plead for clemency from a capitalist court. He characterized the verdict as a blow by the exploiting class in an attempt to intimidate workers from organizing struggles for better living conditions. The workers of Oregon and throughout the country, he declared, have already rendered a higher verdict of "Not guilty!"

* Need Funds!

The International Labor Defense is raising a fighting fund of \$1,500 to carry the appeal into the State Supreme Court.

All workers are urged to flood Kanzler's office, Multnomah County Court House, Portland, Ore., with wires and letters of protest demanding a new trial for De Jonge. Protest resolutions should also immediately be sent to the District Attorney's office, demanding that all remaining Criminal Syndicalism charges be dropped. Six more workers are scheduled to be tried for Criminal Syndicalism here.

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ROOSEVELT AIDS PLAN NEW ATTACKS INSTEAD OF RELIEF

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Faced with the winter most severe to the unemployed, more than 18,000,000 of whom Harry Hopkins admits are on relief, and faced with the sentiment for real unemployment insurance spreading and growing in all parts of the country, the Roosevelt government is filling the press with many schemes to try to lull the rising discontent. All of them, however, strong their dogmatic appeal, have one basic—take relief at the cost of the working class.

Proposals of Harry Hopkins as outlined last week means the abolition of all cash relief payments by the government, the turning over of all relief activities to local outfits, and inauguration of a scheme for putting millions of families on "subsistence" home steads as a means of dispersing and disorganizing the huge populations of hungry unemployed in the cities and taking away about

them off the minds of the bosses. Another plan is that which Secretary of the Treasury Morgan, presented to Roosevelt as they paddled about in his swimming pool at Warm Springs over the weekend. This calls for a huge loan of \$1,892,000,000, for helping the New Deal and, supposedly, thus help the unemployed. But having seen how the Roosevelt government gave nine cents to bankers and capitalists for every penny that even indirectly reached the workers, it calls for no imagination to know how this would be used. However, the real and vicious angle in this is the fact that it is proposed to issue half of that amount (\$900,000,000) in "new cash" printed for the purpose.

Rush protests at once to Governor B. B. Moeur, Attorney General LaPrade, and Judge Speakman, all in Phoenix, protesting this frame-up charge against these militant workers. Demand their immediate and unconditional release.

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They Know What They Want



This picture, taken in front of the Los Angeles Labor Temple during the street carmen's strike, shows strikers ironically fleeing from a Communist. The girl indicated by arrow is giving out leaflets warning against the sell-out. The officials are now preparing, and as the photo clearly shows, almost everyone, singly or in groups, is eagerly reading it.

L. A. Street Car Strikers Keep Up Militant Fight

Mediation Board Acts In Pacific Electric To Prevent Their Joining In Struggle; Police Tear-Gas Pickets

LAW PLANNED AS CURB ON FOREIGN BORN

NEW LEGISLATION WOULD DEPORT MILITANT WORKERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—New legislation is being drawn up here by Representative Dickstein which is aimed mostly against foreign-born workers actively participating in the struggle for higher wages and adequate unemployment relief, although the bill is ostensibly aimed at alien criminals.

Dickstein is the same congressman who heads the committee to investigate Un-American activities, which has leveled its attacks against the Communist Party and the militant labor movement while suppressing evidence of Nazi activities in the United States.

This, too, is the Committee which recently heard revelations of the plot by the Wall street financiers to arm a million men for a fascist coup, and did all in its power to shield the fascists by suppressing the facts.

* Active In Germany.

Otto Richter was active in workers' struggles in Germany and managed to escape the clutches of the fascist fanatics when the butcher Hitler came into power. He came to this country where he continued his working class activity, and was in the Workers' School here when arrested.

He was immediately slated for deportation and a protest was sent to Madame Perkins, Secretary of Labor. She promised to stop the deportation action but later, as usual, broke her promise and ordered authorities here to go ahead.

* Send Protests.

All workers and workers' organizations are urged immediately to send telegram and letters of protest to Madame Perkins at Washington, D. C., and to Cahill of the Immigration Department at San Francisco.

Two other workers are slated to leave some time this week for Denmark as a result of their working class activities. They were arrested at the time of the organized terror against working class organizations here.

This is the first year the Communist Party has participated in an election as officially on the ballot, and the returns indicate only to a small extent the influence the Communist Party here is winning among the workers.

Many workers who support the Communist Party and follow its leadership in struggles for better conditions are unable to vote, some of them being migratory Mexican workers, and others kept from the polls through other residence qualifications.

In two instances Communist candidates ran ahead of their Socialist opponents, although the Socialist party has been on the ballot to Arizona for some time. T. R. Davis, Communist candidate for Tax Commission, Negro worker, received 10,801 votes against 3,347 for A. H. Showey, his Socialist party opponent.

The complete tabulation of Communist votes follows:

U. S. Senator: Ramon Garcia, 606.

For Congress: Martin Gehon, 369.

Judge of the Supreme Court: Harry D. Ross, Democrat, 557.

Robert H. Williams, Communist, 12,321.

T. R. Davis, Negro worker, 10,801; A. H. Showey, Socialist, 3,347.

Governor: Clay Naff, 374.

Secretary of State: James Porter, a Negro worker, 717.

Treasurer: L. Vomocil, 323.

Attorney General: Clarence Lynch, 597.

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Loraine Taylor, 630.

Corporation Commission: George Barnes, 559.

With regard to the votes cast for Judge of the Supreme Court and for Tax Commission, candidates for these offices are nominated in the primary election by their respective parties and placed on the non-partisan ballot in the general election. Robert H. Williams, however, was known to be the candidate of the Communist Party.

The protest meeting for the defense of the Scottsboro boys had ended, and the 500 workers were leaving the auditorium, when a car filled with police drove up and opened fire. The police, ordered to the scene by an aide of the butcher Batista, then charged into the defenseless workers with clubs, and arrested thirty workers.

Workers and students immediately formed defense squads and by concerted action prevented the arrest of many others, saving them from the arms of the police.

Of the thirty arrested, it is stated that only eight are being held on trumped-up charges following the receipt of police headquarters here of protests from all over the island, holding the police officials responsible for the shooting and demanding the release of all arrested workers and students.

The Scottsboro protest meeting had been called jointly by the Committee for Negro Rights and the Cuban section of the International Red Aid. The meeting was addressed by Juan Marinello, well-known Cuban intellectual, and Antonio Macero, nephew of the famous Cuban patriot.

The meeting, which was held at the headquarters of the Negro Union of Fraternal Societies, unanimously adopted resolutions against the Scottsboro frame-up and lynch terror against Negroes in the United States.

These resolutions were to be presented to the American ambassador to be relayed to President Roosevelt.

* Chandler Up Dec. 13.

Arthur Chandler, arrested for posting Communist election stickers, will appear for trial in Judge Arnes' court on Dec. 13.

The International Labor Defense is defending all of these cases. But your support is vital. It must be blocked in its effort to railroad them to jail. A courtroom packed with workers is one of the best defense factors against frame-ups.

It is especially important that all workers who witnessed any of these arrests report immediately to the International Labor Defense, Room 410, 1005 Market St. Your testimony may be the deciding factor in saving a comrade from months

GROWING PRESTIGE OF PARTY SHOWN IN ARIZONA ELECTIONS

TWO COMMUNIST CANDIDATES BEAT SOCIALIST PARTY OPPONENTS

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 1.—Final tabulation on the elections has just been released by the Secretary of State and show the complete returns for Communist candidates.

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EPIC WORKERS AT RALLY ASK UNITED ACTION

Playing Ball With Right Guys Pays Thugherder Finds

By HAROLD J. ASHE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—(Are You In Trouble?) Harris, self-styled nationally-known detective, is in an expansive mood these days.

It just goes to show that if one plays ball, even a delective, that the inexorable law of compensation will sooner or later reward one.

Nick Harris, who advertises that "Deadbeats are our victims," now has the juicy contract for furnishing thugs for the Los Angeles Railway Company during the strike.

Harris tried to muscle in on the longshoremen's strike at San Pedro, but he didn't have the right connections. The "right connections," of course, being one Capt. William "Red" Hynes.

For a while Harris chewed a fingernail or two when he saw a competitor walk off with the thuggery contract. He even went so far as to consider placing the matter before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury. It seems that Hynes, whose character had never been smirched by any suspicion of dirty work until that time, was suspected of declaring himself in on the thuggering racket.

In fact, Harris had the goods on Hynes. Harris thought, and in a moment of civic-consciousness felt he should publish it to the world.

On second thought, however, he decided he should pause and ponder. Having paused and pondered, Harris determined to bide his time. After all, who knew, maybe he would be the lucky delective next time. As the reader already knows, Harris has been properly rewarded for playing ball.

Now, Harris' faithful employees can be found any day or night loafing around Eleventh and Broadway.

Two or three days ago, a phoney riot call was put in from Eleventh and Broadway. When the cops arrived, they found the Nick Harris men busily earning their keep by shoving pedestrians around the sidewalk with their billys.

At the suggestion of a news paper reporter, intent on having a little clean fun, the cops took exception to the officiousness of the Harris private cops and ordered them to stop herding pedestrians.

One of the Harris men broke down and admitted that he had been acting on orders. Can it be possible that the phoney might have been put in by the thugs, themselves, to justify their existence and, perhaps act as an incentive to the L. A. Railway to hire a few more through Harris at so much per day mark-up?

About that time a waitress in a nearby restaurant complained that two of Harris' men had ditched out of the restaurant without paying their bill. The cops had to take them in tow and show them to the cashregister. But really, you know, the head of a delective agency can't be too particular who he hires for "heavy" work in a strike.

"Are you in trouble? Consult Nick Harris."—(ad)

Bankers Bring Cheer To Brother Bankers

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—Touring the country with a message of good cheer to bankers and big business interests, six representatives of the Chase National Bank of New York, the world's most powerful institution of finance capital, arrived in this city yesterday.

These Wall Street financiers are bringing to bankers throughout the nation the assurances President Roosevelt gave them recently that his policy from now on will constitute an even more vicious attack against the working class. This assurance is being brought under the guise of conferences to "assist in the restoration of normal business conditions." Employers are being told that wage cuts are now being openly supported by not only the official "new deal" administration, but by its unofficial handmaiden, William Green, president of the A. F. of L.

The Wall Street "good will" envelope will proceed from here to Los Angeles.

WORKERS' CHRISTMAS AFFAIR

Dancing — Entertainment Refreshments Special Raffle—\$25 Clothing

EQUALITY HALL
141 ALBION ST.
San Francisco

Sunday, Dec. 23
8 P.M.

Auspices Downtown Section Communist Party

Adm. 15c; Unemployed 5c

L.A. Civic Federation Starts Red Drive

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—Mr. E. M. Robertson has discovered Communism! Yes, sir! And now he is worried for fear some of his countrymen have done likewise. Lest the "insidious germ" of Communism lay them low, Mr. Robertson wishes to tell all.

As president of the California Civic Federation, he announces that his organization has a program to combat Communism and radicalism through a speakers' bureau of outstanding men and women who are available without cost to speak before organized groups on this subject."

Y. C. L. Scores Case of White Chauvinism At S.F. Worker Club

In the course of the struggle by the Communist Party and the Young Communist League to eliminate every trace of chauvinism we met not so much with open instances, but more unconscious and therefore more dangerous expressions of chauvinism.

We haven't fully understood the correct Party line that we fight against discrimination of Negro, Filipino or any other nationality AT ALL TIMES, AND NOT MERELY SOME TIMES. This applies not only to boss controlled organizations but particularly to those organizations that we have more or less influence and control over.

The case of discrimination in the Italian Workers Club (S.F.), shows how the chauvinism in our League is reflected in some of our leading comrades.

Several comrades, including two Negro workers attempted to gain entrance to an affair at the Italian Workers Club. The Negro comrades were refused entrance. One of the white comrades came into the hall and approached comrade Brown and asked what was to be done. On the excuse that the club was recently organized and that the Party fraction had very little influence on the membership as yet, comrade Brown advised against any action. In the discussion held with the comrades the same night, only the Negro comrades fought correctly, to have some sort of a demonstration against the discrimination. Under the leadership of comrade Brown all other comrades advanced spurious arguments to show why a fight against the discrimination should not be held at this time.

The white comrades forgot that chauvinism cannot be broken down without a continuous fight, and that the struggle against chauvinism had to be started in the Italian Workers Club as soon as it raised its ugly head. It is true that we should use tact in such case. The tactics should be one of raising the question openly to the workers at the affair, asking them to vote on it, and upon refusal to admit the Negro comrades the majority of Party and League members and sympathizers should walk out, leaving only those comrades behind who are members of the club, to continue the struggle, through education, to break down the chauvinism.

We must remember that only a FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AT ALL TIMES, will convince the Negro youth that they really mean what we say. The comrades in Frisco have already taken steps to rectify the mistake that was made, by organizing a protest for the next affair, and by assigning comrades to work on individuals in the club to win them over to our point of view. A full discussion on the fight against discrimination

ELECTION ISSUE DISCUSSED AT MEETING IN S. F.

DARCY SUMS UP AFTER ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON SINCLAIR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 3.—More than 650 workers, many of them Epic workers, attended the open discussion meeting held at Albion Hall Friday night.

Following an introductory talk by Lawrence Ross in which the major points of the recent election campaign were outlined, the floor was thrown open for discussion. Epic workers and Communist Party members took part. The workers asked questions regarding the election and many of them expressed a desire for a front of the working class of California against the reactionary policies of the Merriam regime.

The growing realization of thousands of workers that only a united front of all workers will prevent the bosses of this state and of the United States from putting through their fascist program was expressed in the questions and short talks which many workers made from the floor. It was evident that the workers want action and that many of them are ready to struggle for better conditions and against the Merriam machine.

* Open Discussion

Following the open discussion which lasted for more than an hour, Sam Darcy, Communist Party candidate for governor in the recent elections, summed up the questions and proposals made by the workers.

Darcy stressed the point that only united action by all workers will bring about the things the workers themselves desire. In answer to one of the questions he said that the arguments as to whether or not Upton Sinclair is sincere in his actions, is beside the point and that what really matters is the way in which Sinclair proposes to obtain his objectives and the basic issues involved in his program.

He pointed out the contradictions and the demagogic phrases contained in the Epic program and showed how, if they were realized, they only would serve the Capitalist class and would not in any way aid the workers. In answer to a question concerning Tom Mooney, Darcy made it clear that only a mass struggle of even greater proportions than that which has taken place in the past, will spring the lock at San Quentin and free Mooney.

He gave a short outline of the election campaign, pointing out the weaknesses of the Communist Party in not sufficiently exposing the class content of Merriam's ballyhoo and declared Upton Sinclair, whether he is sincere or not, played the role of betrayer of the working-class and that he was used by the bosses to stop thousands of workers from registering a real protest by voting Communist.

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"Now, the Way I Break Strikes Is—"



"—with clubs," says "Socialist" Mayor Hoan of Milwaukee to Industrial Association Mayor Rossi of San Francisco at the recent mayors' conference in Chicago. "Brother," says Rossi, "so do I."

Mrs. Dilling Introduces New Game To Snobs in Los Angeles

By HAROLD J. ASHE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—A bright new game is now being introduced in Los Angeles. Anyone can play it; even the Chamber of Commerce. As for the junior Chamberites, well, they've quit playing the marble games down on Spring St.

It used to be, "Button! Button! Who's got the button?" Now it's: "Red! Red! Who's a Red?"

This delightful little parlor game was introduced to Southern California by one Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, author of the "Red Network," who loves her home so much that she treks across the country periodically, defending hearth and fireside.

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* Must Find A "Red."

Now the idea of this new game is that you've got to find a "Red." And you can't quit until you do. Nothing daunted by the desire to be a "Red," but he has to say, "Hell!" but he has to a splendid private tutor in Mrs. Dilling and your correspondent will report on progress made.

"It was more than a meeting of the Americans," Mrs. Dilling said later, in referring to her extracurricular activities at the university.

"They didn't give me a list of professors who are 'reds,' but they gave me printed information from which I can draw my own conclusions."

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When class war victims face capitalist justice, all the forces of reaction flock to the court in an attempt to see to it that notorious frameups do not "haywire."

Last week the D.A.R. matrons heard Alonso L. Baker of San Jose rave against the growth of radicalism in America. The talk was nicely timed to precede the exodus of the D.A.R. to Sacramento.

Ballyhoo Goes Up As Business Goes Down

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.

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East of the Rockies

Vigilante Raids In Wisconsin

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 1.—A band of vigilantes raided Communist Party headquarters last Sunday, smashing everything in the place, and destroying literature. The attackers were gangsters in the employ of manufacturers and industrialists who are trying to stop relief struggles led by the Communist Party. Previous to this, armed gangsters attacked and beat men, women and children who were demonstrating at the relief station. Police are making no effort to investigate the raid. Mayor Swobod of Racine is a former Socialist.

Wall Street Fascist Plot Uncovered

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The Dickstein Congressional Committee, investigating the offer of \$3,000,000 made to retire Major General Smedley Butler to lead an American fascist movement, has uncovered the fact that \$100,000 has passed through the hands of G. C. MacGuire, Wall Street's agent in negotiations. It is further revealed that Robert Sterling Clark, Wall Street millionaire, financed an exhaustive study of European fascist movements to provide models for America. These facts came out in spite of every effort by the committee to whitewash the exposure. The committee has refused to summon many high figures in the capitalist world for investigation, although their names are definitely linked with the "plot."

Mounted Police Chase Job Seekers

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 1.—Rumors of large scale hiring brought 6,000 Negro and white workers to the gates of the Ford plant last week. After waiting all night long, they were driven away at 8 a.m. by mounted police and informed that there were no jobs. The rumor was started by the much publicized interview with Ford in which he said he would hire 32,000 additional workers for the coming production season.

15 Face C. S. Trials In Illinois

HILLSBORO, Ill., Dec. 1.—Fifteen defendants on charges of criminal syndicalism, including members of the Progressive Miners of America, the Socialist Party, the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense will go on trial here Dec. 3. They were all arrested following a demonstration of unemployed demanding relief.

Wages Cut In Detroit Auto Plants

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 1.—At the Briggs Mack Avenue plant, grinders who were getting 80 cents an hour were laid off and rehired at 55 cents. The Packard plant has carried out the same policy with metal finishers. The Murray Body plant is cutting wages in one department from 68 to 60 cents per hour. In the Buick plant at Flint, wages have been cut to 32 per cent.

I.L.D. Wins Release of Unemployed Leader

MASILLON, Ohio, Nov. 30.—Leah Faye, Unemployed Council organizer here, was freed of all charges following her arrest while leading a committee of women demanding clothing at the local relief unit. The case was defended by the International Labor Defense during a two day trial before a court house packed with workers.

Negro Worker Murdered By Police

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 30.—When Sylvester Crowder, Negro worker, went to the police station to arrange bail for a friend on election day, he was arrested and beaten continuously throughout the night. The following morning he was taken to the hospital, where he died. He was in good health when he went to the station. The League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense are demanding an immediate inquest.

Stevedore To Open On San Francisco Stage Soon

"STEVEDORE," the first working class play ever seen upon the legitimate stage in San Francisco, will open soon.

"STEVEDORE," declared a new force in the American Theatre, has an acute importance to bay region workers. The principal character is Lonnie Thompson, a Negro longshoreman, on the docks of New Orleans. Lonnie's fellow workers, Negro and white, are content to accept whatever the bosses hand out in the way of starvation pay, long hours, speed-up and chisled pay envelopes, and degrading conditions of work. But Lonnie has listened to a "red" organizer, and he knows that only when black and white workers organize in militant struggle can they better the miserable conditions of their existence. Lonnie starts organizing the brown-beaten Negro longshoremen, making them shake off the weight of inferiority to the whites that has always been so handy an instrument to the bosses in preventing organized action. Lonnie knows that race prejudice is the chief strikebreaker of the South.

The spirit of the workers becomes more militant. There is a gathering murmur of rebellion. The time is approaching when the united longshoremen, black and white together, will be able to force concessions. The bosses are desperately seeking to break the unity of the stevedores. They are watching for an opportunity to take advantage of stupid race hatreds, to set black worker against white. It is an old strategy.

* No Planes Either.

But the makers of the Treaty of Versailles guessed that, too. Germany was forbidden to have an air fleet. For years older and their development were a big sport and industry in Germany. But now, the other imperialist countries are "shocked" to find that Nazi Germany has a fleet that can launch an immediate and disastrous attack. Her fleet is indeed, on striking an average of the many various stories, to be in excess of 1,000 planes capable of combat or bombing. The makers of the Treaty of Versailles have found to their dismay, and to the joy of their munitions makers, that while you must give away your planes for marching by assembling them all in one place, airplane motors can be turned out as automobile motors and stored away as surplus products, and that the seats of the planes can be similarly camouflaged. They have even found that commercial passenger planes can be bought from the outside and that the affixing of bomb racks is but the work of hours at most. Munitions and gunmakers did not sign the Treaty and though they may in some cases do it in the honor of going to the trouble of labeling the machine guns shipped in as "sewing machines" or soon nobody is fooled. Indeed, the War Minister not so long ago demanded that the armament provisions of the Versailles Treaty be officially repudiated as it was no longer

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L. A. Workers Fight Flood Menace

Supervisors Fail To Repair Levees At Mexican Settlement

By HEARNE M. HAISLIP

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26.—Last New Year's flood knocked holes in the San Gabriel river levees on both sides of the river. Many Mexican workers and poor farmers' families were endangered and their meager belongings ruined.

The county board of supervisors repaired the Pico side of the San Gabriel river levee; but the West Whittier side was not touched. The reason being obviously that only Mexican farmers and workers were directly endangered.

Nothing was done about it until the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union (Pico branch) raised the issue. The C. & A. W. I. U. first considered the issue as one outside the function of its organization. Its function was viewed as economic, i.e., to fight for higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions; while the struggle to get the levee repaired was viewed as strictly a political issue. The bureau of the C. & A. W. I. U. tackled the question in this manner:

* Co-operation Necessary.

First, the co-operation of a political party was necessary. Secondly, we took up the question of what political party should we make an appeal to.

We, of course, considered the Republican party. The Board of Supervisors were members of that party, so it seemed foolish to appeal to the Republicans to lead a fight against their masters and selves. Next we considered the Democratic party. The Democratic party we found was not different than the openly fascist Republican party, so it was quickly eliminated from our consideration as a possible ally.

Then we had the Socialist party to consider. In our discussion no one could point to any action within the last decade where the Socialist party had led a militant struggle for the working class. To us it seemed to be a third capitalist party. So that eliminated the Socialist party.

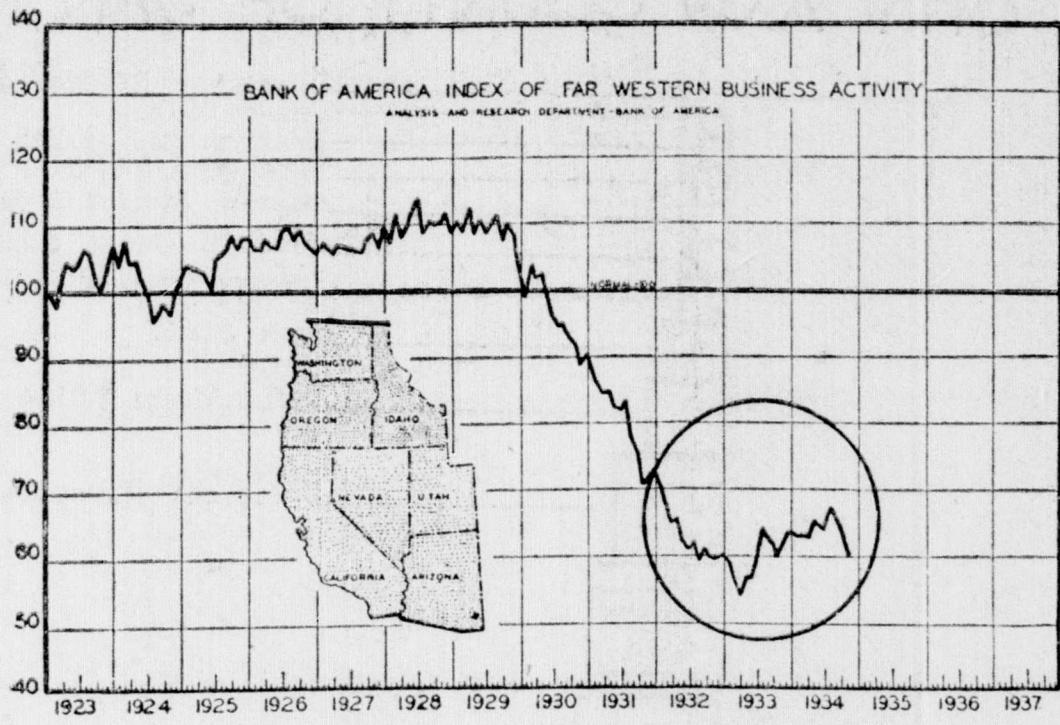
So we appealed to the only party of the common people—the Communist Party. And we received assistance. A thousand leaflets were issued by the Belvedere subsection of the Communist Party calling for organization to force the Board of Supervisors to repair the levee.

The leaflet was printed in both English and Spanish.

* Petitions Taken Out.

Those attending the mass meeting, called by the leaflet, took the issue of the struggle which

Even the Inflation Balloon Couldn't Keep It Up.



The above Bank of America chart shows only too clearly that the recent barrage about business improving all over the country including California, was as only so much ballyhoo. The decline is at the same rate as the worst period of early 1932.

Business On Pacific Coast At Lowest Level of Year

The capitalist press has been carrying on an intensive campaign to persuade the workers that the depression is passing. This has been done before time and time again, but the depression has refused to budge.

A Mr. Rocha, the owner of a bare, put it this way: "The petition was too rude." "It might insult." "We ought to be more polished."

The rainy season was near and they wanted to try diplomacy. Communist speakers in Spanish and English fought the line of the reactionaries. Another meeting was called for Nov. 18. Mr. Rocha promised the use of his hall. On Nov. 14 Mr. Rocha notified the unit organizer that he wanted to run a church affair on Nov. 18.

* Issue Dropped.

So there the issue was laid bare. The church affair was more important than the levee. What they really tried to do was to break the bond of sympathy between the American and Mexican workers. In order to serve their masters well, they were willing to sacrifice the lives of workers.

Put the sell-out did not work. The Communist Party issued 500 Spanish leaflets explaining its stand and inviting the workers to a street meeting at which Communist Party speakers introduced the Board of Supervisors to act.

exposed the reactionaries. Sixteen signatures were collected and the endangered residents took petitions to get more. The workers are determined to force the government on government property.

The State Accident Commission has dismissed the case of Fred Warner, Turlock CWA worker, who was permanently injured while toppling eucalyptus trees. He fell and suffered permanent disability of his left arm, but the commission told him he could get no State workers' compensation.

Soviets Announce 10 Per Cent Wage Increase For All

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., Dec. 4.—While wages drop and living costs rise to new heights in the United States, the Soviet Government has announced a blanket 10 per cent increase in wages throughout the Soviet Union.

Living standards in the USSR where the workers own the means of production, are constantly rising, but in the United States, where a few bankers and industrialists own everything and the workers own nothing, the rate of exploitation is increased to furnish more profits for the bankers. The Roosevelt regime, with its NRA, backs the industrialists to the limit, in their profit grabbing activities.

The Soviet government has also announced that there is now a surplus of 25 million tons of grain on hand as a result of the success of the collective farms. As a result of the success bread prices have been cut 18% while butter, eggs and meat prices have been cut forty to fifty percent.

In the United States a surplus of anything is a signal for the industrialists to start a new campaign to lower living standards and to destroy the surplus in order that a profit may be made on what remains.

In the USSR the workers get the surplus and in the USA it goes into the rivers, it is burned or is buried in the ground while millions of workers face starvation.

Oakland P.W.U.U. Meets

OAKLAND, Nov. 30.—Local 2 of the Public Works and Unemployed Union will hold a meeting Monday evening, December 3, at 8 p.m., at 1711 Seventh Street, this city, and every Monday night thereafter.

All workers employed on S.E.R.A. jobs and others interested in unemployment relief are urged to attend and bring other workers with them.

Injured CWA Worker Denied State Help

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—The government can afford to spend billions in war preparations for the planned imperialist slaughter, but it refuses to take care of workers injured while employed by the government on government property.

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Foreign News Briefs

Spanish Revolutionists Keep Arms

MADRID, Nov. 30.—Spanish workers completely ignored the government's demand that they surrender all weapons. Authorities have only been able to round up 500 arms. 100,000 copies of a new anti-fascist newspaper, "El Pueblo" ("The People"), have been circulated in Madrid despite the most rigid suppression.

Franco-Soviet Alliance Denied

PARIS, Dec. 1.—The French government has been forced to admit that the claim of Leon Archimbaud that the army of the Soviet Union is at the disposal of France in event of war is completely false, and that the speech was a political trick to force through the \$750,000,000 war budget.

Soviet Delegate Demands League Action

GENEVA, Dec. 1.—Maxim Litvinoff, delegate from the Soviet Union to the League of Nations, has demanded immediate, decisive action to halt the war between Paraguay and Bolivia. Sternly criticizing the League report on the conflict, which is actually a struggle between British and American oil interests, Litvinoff demanded drastic revision of the document to include specific terms for peace and a deadline for their acceptance.

Books Explode Leaflets In Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—Readers taking books from the shelves of German libraries suddenly find them exploding (harmlessly) in their hands and scattering Communist leaflets throughout the room. This is but one of the hundreds of devices by which the Communist Party continues its work in the face of fascist terror. Nazi authorities have been unable to trace how these "bombs" are planted, since the masses are shielding and supporting the activities of revolutionaries.

New Modern Stores In U. S. S. R.

MOSCOW, Nov. 30.—Results of the Second Five-Year Plan are rapidly being realized in a better standard of living. Having developed basic industries in the First Five-Year Plan, greater concentration on consumer products is now possible. Clean, modern, well-stocked stores are appearing throughout the country, replacing the old cooperatives and ration cards. These new stores are all state operated. The price of bread has been reduced 18 per cent. Meat and butter now cost 40 to 50 per cent less.

Nazi Storm Troopers Dwindling

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—The increasing economic crisis in Germany is accompanied by a rapid melting away of the Nazi "storm trooper" army. "Lack of interest" and "failure to attend drill" are the explanations written on the lapsed membership cards. Many are being transferred to the regular army or sent to forced labor camps.

London Conference To Increase German Boycott

LONDON, Nov. 30.—With delegates from 12 countries, the International League for the Boycott of German Goods and Services has met in London to review progress of the protest movement to date and to lay plans for a better organized boycott in the future. Samuel Untermeyer, one of the American delegates, reported 510 articles previously imported by America from Germany which are now being manufactured at home. He cited the boycott movement as being directly responsible.

Secret Conferences In Rome

ROME, Dec. 2.—Two secret conferences occurred in this city last week. One was between former King Alfonso of Spain and Antonio Goicochea, Minister of Interior during the monarchist regime, who flew from Barcelona by plane and returned immediately after the conference. Observers believe that this meeting has bearing on the intended establishment of a fascist dictatorship in Spain.

The second conference is concerned with the arrival of Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the Black Shirt movement in England. This visit is shrouded in extreme secrecy. Although the Italian government disavows all knowledge of Mosley's purposes, it is understood that he is to confer with Mussolini.

ing from hunger and impoverishment and for the moment it is impossible to take any effective measures to prevent it.

And like the Community Chest in the United States, according to Goebbels, who spoke next, "The campaign, apart from collections, will be financed chiefly with voluntary wage and salary deductions."

Last year the amount collected was announced as 75 million marks, though later it was admitted as having been 184 million. The discrepancy either went into Nazi officials' pockets or into subsidies for war. The total collections in money and goods amounted to 358 million marks—358 million marks—but the relief to the seventeen million who needed it, according to official admission, was reduced by more than 500 million marks!

With a total population of about one-third that of the United States it is of the utmost significance that there, too, 17 million are on relief. This is as much as Hopkins admits for the United States this winter.

But while this 75 million went to the unemployed on relief, 350 million was given as a subsidy to Hitler's party, the industrialist Thyssen! (Again like Roosevelt's policy of aiding Wall Street.)

The promises made to the people are not kept, but new ones are being frantically made in a hope of staving off their mass action. In the meantime while the frantic preparations are going on for war, the workers and peasants are at their lowest level.

In the Rhineland Spessart districts, peasants—the raisers of food—are actually starving. According to Goebbels' own figure, shared: seven people to one egg, three hungry people to one loaf of bread, and each person received less than one hundredweight of potatoes. These figures are not for a day or a week. BUT FOR THE WHOLE OF LAST WINTER, AND THIS YEAR THE FIGURES WILL BE WORSE.

The funds available, from "voluntary" deductions from already low wages of workers, do not go to the unemployed, to relief. Instead those very funds raised go to the preparation for war while the German workers and peasants starve.

This is the desperate policy situation Hitler faces as the winter comes on—this is the desperate situation he hopes to solve by a reckless adventure into war. And the German working classes are being forced to starve to help him prepare that war.

(Continued next issue.)

World Events and Western Workers

By Emmett Kirby

Whole of Nazi Economy Put On War Basis — Production Figures, Imports, Reveal Preparations — "Labor Service Builds Fortifications, Airfields

— Cost Being Paid By Starving Unemployed

possible to deny the facts.

There is a candor seldom to be met with in Nazi circles.

* 1,100,500 Ready.

That famous piece of paper limited Germany, Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria—members of the former alliance known as the Central Powers—to armies of 100,000 each. But with Reichswehr, Storm Troopers, militarized police, etc., the trained armies and reserves who within a few days could take the field are placed at 1

ILD Demands Ministerial Alliance Retract Slanders Of Scottsboro Boys

An Open Letter To All Friends Of the Scottsboro Boys

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 4.—An "open letter" has been addressed by the International Labor Defense of San Francisco and the Scottsboro-Herndon Action Committee of this city to the Ministerial Alliance of Oakland, demanding that the Alliance retract publicly its slanderous attacks against the International Labor Defense and the Scottsboro Action Committee.

The "open letter," signed by Charles Gordon for the I. L. D. and A. R. Stephens for the Scottsboro-Herndon Action Committee, demands that all donations made to the Ministerial Alliance for the Scottsboro defense be turned over intact to the only authorized defense committee, the Scottsboro Action Committee, with offices in New York.

On Saturday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., the Scottsboro-Herndon Action Committee will hold a conference at 1717 Seventh St., Oakland. All delegates are urged to be present at this important session, as well as all friends of the Scottsboro boys.

The conference will be held at this address because the Ministerial Alliance has succeeded in bringing pressure to bear against the local Y. M. C. A. to cancel the use of its rooms.

The open letter follows:

Once again certain groups who are posing as "friends of the Scottsboro Boys" are coming forward, at this critical period in the case, attempting to throw confusion and disruption into the united and broad ranks of people who are demanding the unconditional freedom of the nine innocent boys.

When Attorney Leibowitz turned against the organizations which have led from the beginning the tremendous fight for the boys, lies were spread saying that the Scottsboro defendants had repudiated the International Labor Defense. A group of preachers with the support of Leibowitz, set up a so-called "American Scottsboro Committee" in an effort to stem the tide of mass pressure which is the main force, together with the excellent legal defense put up over three years by the I. L. D. and its attorneys, that has saved the Scottsboro boys from being "legally" murdered.

In the past all kinds of evil pressure has been put on the boys to get them to give up the defense of the I. L. D. But the boys and their families have stood firm for the policy and organiza-

tion which led millions of people to know of their innocence and demand their freedom.

The charge that the boys withdrew from the I. L. D. recently is an outright lie. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, whose son Haywood's case is now pending before the United States Supreme Court, reaffirm their full faith in the I. L. D. and urge a great mobilization of the masses of all people for United Action and support of the defense conducted by the I. L. D. and Scottsboro Action Committee, of which Samuel S. Patterson is secretary.

The recently set up "American Scottsboro Committee" organized by Leibowitz, has refused united action with the Scottsboro Action Committee and turned down the mothers' plea that they stop disrupting and splitting the defense of the boys.

On November 17 the United States Supreme Court officially accepted Walter H. Pollak and Osmond K. Frankel, retained by the I. L. D. as attorneys for Haywood Patterson and Clarence Norris. These I. L. D. attorneys signed the brief filed and accepted by the United States Supreme Court. Even in the face of all the above facts, rumors are still being spread that the N. A. A. C. P. is defending the Scottsboro case, and worse, the local Ministerial Alliance, in the "California Voice" and the "San Francisco Spokesman," repeat these deliberate falsifications.

We demand that the Inter-Denominational Ministerial Alliance, of which T. S. Johnson is secretary, immediately retract their lies and publish the retraction in the press.

We further demand that all "offerings" and funds raised on behalf of the Scottsboro case under auspices of the Ministerial Alliance be sent intact to the only authorized committee, the Scottsboro Action Committee, 2376 7th Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

And we again strongly urge that the Ministerial Alliance and all friends of the Scottsboro and Herndon Defense join in united efforts with us, with all groups and organizations, to mobilize the best possible legal defense and the biggest public pressure in a solid and undivided mass front to rescue the boys from the legal lynchers and win their unconditional freedom.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE, DISTRICT 13.

Interest, Red Tape, Eat Most of Tax Dollar

The chart on this page shows the distribution of each dollar of taxes you pay in San Francisco. From it you can learn what part of it benefits you; what part of it is spent on red tape to entangle you with; what part on the various agencies which browbeat you, suppress your strikes, and serve as corporation thugs at public expense. Finally you can see what part goes to the parasitic bondholders, who live on the heavy interest charges on bonds they loaned the city money for.

Almost an even quarter of the money you pay goes for bond interest and redemption to pay the past extravagances of former city administrations. The red tape section de luxe comes next in order. After the banker gets the largest share of your dollar, it is natural that his relatives and henchmen must be provided with nice fat jobs. Twelve cents is spent on these miscellaneous departments, such as the Agricultural Commission, Board of Permit Appeals, etc.

By a narrow margin more of your money goes to the schools that teach you to reverence your capitalist bosses by means of books than to the police who teach you the same lesson at the end of a club. Each gets a little more than nine cents.

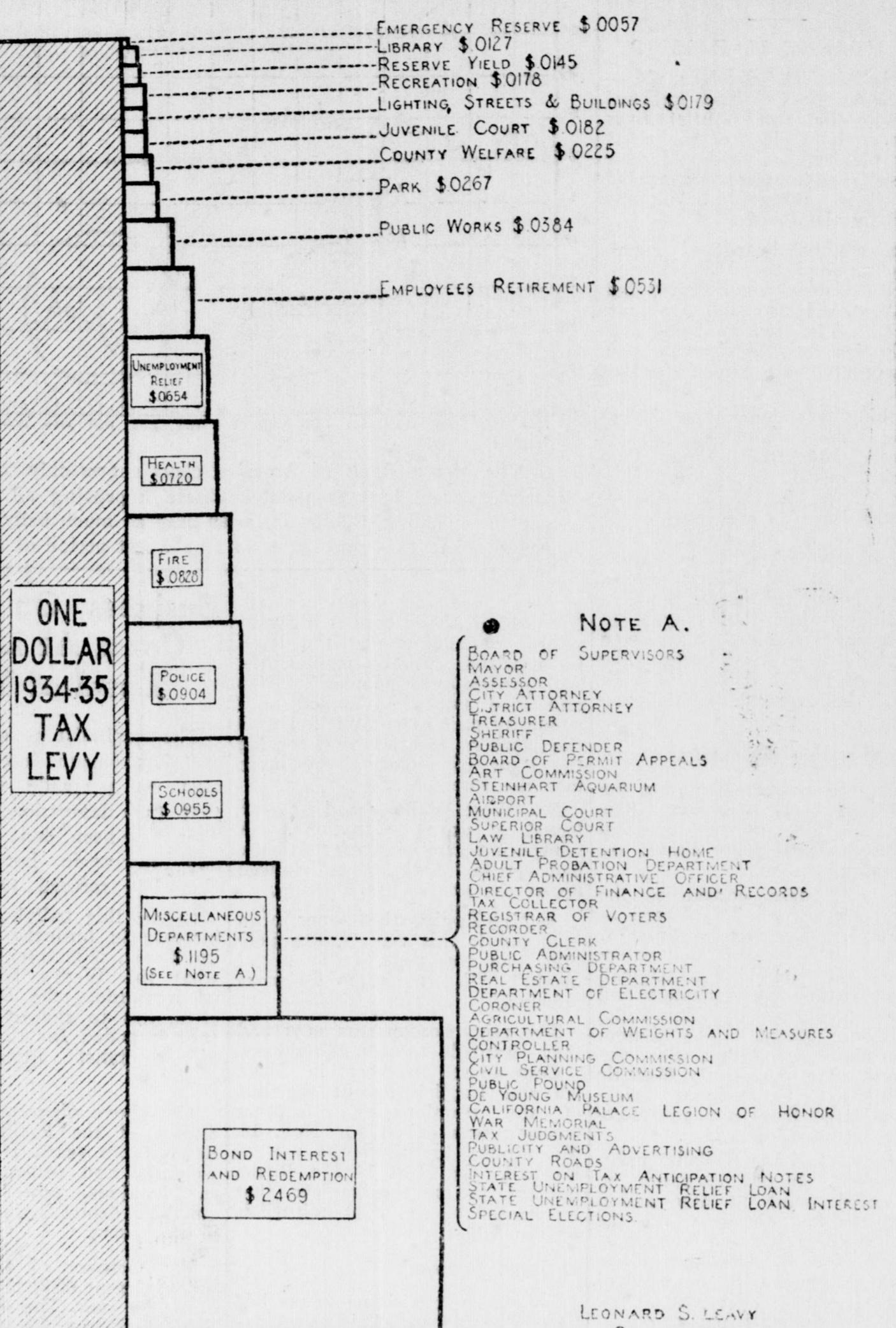
You will look in vain if you think the city government is doing anything to help the unemployed. Any relief from starvation comes from state or federal sources. Two and a quarter cents of your dollar goes to what is called "county welfare." Remember this when you read that the city of San Francisco is enjoying a surplus, a surplus earned at the expense of inadequate provision for the jobless.

When you get down to the end, you find something worth while. Probably that's the reason they give so little to such things as the library, which gets about a cent of your money, and parks, which get about a tenth as much as the bondholders.

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SCOTTSBORO-HERNDON ACTION COMMITTEE, 2376 7th Ave., New York City, N. Y.
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By A. R. Stephens, Chairman.

Here's How Your Tax Dollar Goes

DISTRIBUTION OF TAX DOLLAR CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.



The above chart shows what happens to every dollar you pay for taxes. Figure for yourself how much benefit you get out of it. The bankers who foreclose your homes and the police who break your strikes get the lion's share.

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Government Debt At Record High.

The rapid increase in the United States debt brings with it the possibility of a crisis in which the bankers will decline to lend the government any more money. The support of nearly a fifth of the population of the United States depends on the government's ability to borrow money. Private capital has ceased to spend money on construction, and if the government's credit comes to an end almost all building will cease. On the other hand, the greater the debt the larger the interest payments to be made out of taxes which take away the products of labor to give to the capitalist parasites, the bondholders. A few facts on this situation follow:

On October 31, 1934, the debt of the United States government was \$27,188,021,669, against the former high record of \$26,569,701,648 on August 31, 1919. As the debt on July 1, 1930, was \$16,801,307,000, the debt incurred in abolishing the depression so far exceeds any results, \$10,386,714,000, rather a high price to pay without getting any results.

The debt continues to mount. From July 1 to Nov. 15 of this year it increased \$114,000,000. It is estimated that by July 1, 1935, the debt will be thirty and a half billions, and a year later thirty-four billions.

All this is besides the rapidly increasing state and municipal debt. Exact figures are not available, but the total is around twenty billion dollars. California, for example, just voted \$54,000,000 for the next two years. Besides this, there is a \$82,000,000 deficit to be met. Heavier taxes are necessary to keep this deficit from growing.

Emergency and Relief Appropriations.

The prospective debt increase is due to the allotment for the next two fiscal years from July 1, 1934, to July 1, 1936, of the sum of \$10,503,505,253 for emergency and relief projects. Of this \$3,363,691,972 or 32% goes for direct relief and CCC work. Less than a third of the total benefits the unemployed directly; the rest goes as loans to bankers, fat contracts for engineers, etc. The government goes into debt merrily, but then most of it is done for the sake of the bosses; even in the third intended for relief there will be plenty of juicy jobs and red tape for the capitalist elements controlling the government.

Relief Rolls At Record Figures.

The latest detailed figures of the number of persons on relief and expenditures incurred for them are for May of this year. May has been the best month of this year for business, so these figures are well below the present total. According to the conservative Industrial Conference Board, unemployment has increased by about a million since May.

There were 3,776,537 families receiving relief in May, and 530,455 single persons making a total of 4,306,992 cases, involving 16,956,532 persons, or 14% of the population. For California the figures are 134,225 families, 44,104 single persons, a total of 178,329 cases involving 562,994 persons.

Expenditures for relief in May totaled \$130,261,292, or about \$7.00 per person, from which heavy administrative expenses must be deducted.

Of this, \$5,103,811 was spent in California.

Private Construction Almost At Standstill.

The dependence of private industry on the government and the almost complete collapse of private enterprise is shown by the figures on construction contracts awarded. According to Engineering News-Record, from January to June in 1933 \$17,138,000 in engineering contracts were awarded each week. Of this total, private enterprises accounted for \$6,049,000 weekly, the rest being contracts let by federal, state or municipal governments. In the same period this year the total average weekly engineering contracts awarded was \$24,269,000, of which \$4,918,000 was awarded by private enterprises. Only one-fifth of the building done in the United States is done by private capital.

EARLY AMERICAN WORKERS POLITICAL PARTIES

A Message To Sinclair Followers And Members of the Utopian Society From the Communist Party

By LAWRENCE ROSS

The capitalists supporting the newspapers sent their paid agents into the party and succeeded in corrupting factional leaders to the extent that in 1832 the "Working Men's Advocate" actually urged the workers to support the candidates of Tammany Hall, the most corrupt of the capitalist political parties.

The chief issues which gave rise to the split were "agrarianism" and a "state guardianship" plan of education. Skidmore, an active leader of the "Committee of Fifty" which comprised the general executive committee of the Working Men's Party, was the chief proponent of "agrarianism." He called for a state constitutional convention to be held which should "decree the abolition of all debts and claims to property, after which all property shall be evaluated and so apportioned that each man shall be credited with a proportionate share."

Great Uncertainty

The great confusion as to the role of the state which is here evident is especially sharply brought out when this demand is contrasted to an earlier remark Skidmore made: "before the great mass of the people can be saved from the evils under which they now suffer a revolution must take place such as shall leave no trace of that government which has denied to every human being an equal amount of property at arriving at the age of maturity, and previous thereto, equal food, clothing and shelter."

In this latter comment he sees against the working class a

its abolition, as a necessary step before equal food, clothing and shelter can be provided for the working class. Starting with this correct premise, Skidmore then lost himself in a maze of opportunist conceptions to such an extent that he pictured the capitalists who control the state as willing to stand by while property is equally divided, due to working class control of legislature.

Owen, who was the leader of the struggle against "agrarianism," opposed it as "not practical," and at a membership meeting the policy was defeated. Skidmore then withdrew with his faction and founded a rival party, which soon disappeared.

Education an issue

The factional struggle still continued, this time on the issue of the "state guardianship" system of education. Briefly, this plan called for the establishment by the state of free boarding schools at which children were to receive equal food and equal clothing.

Owen was the leader of the group which fought for the inclusion of this plank in the party platform. This system, he believed, would do much to level the inequalities existing between rich and poor (the public school system was not in effect then).

No doubt he was largely under

the influence of the teachings of his father, Robert Owen, who

founded "Owenite" brand of utopian socialism in England, based upon cooperative colonies. The struggle which ensued was long and bitter, and led to the dissolution of the New York Working Men's Party, but not before the record of its militancy reached other cities.

State Convention Held

In New York the movement grew so rapidly that in August 1830 a state convention was held which was attended by 78 delegates from 13 counties. The movement by this time, due in large part to the internal factional struggles within the parent party in New York, had become greatly diffused and lost much of its working class character as far as demands were concerned.

Actually the state convention was in control of a group of the Democratic party which was not getting enough of the spoils under the existing ruling clique. The convention nominated candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, but because these candidates failed to get the support of the regular Democratic party convention they withdrew from the race a few days before the elections.

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Evidence we have published

shows that Merriam stole a large number of Communist votes as well as Sinclair's votes. Had Darcy withdrawn his candidacy and all Communist votes given Sinclair, the Merriam machine would simply have stolen that many more votes from Sinclair. And, of course, the attack against Sinclair would have been far more vicious had he been given Communist support.

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ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE

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CAR STRIKE (Continued from Page 1)

By MICHAEL QUIN

SCORES FAINT AS PRINCESS MARINA WEDS. It has not been so much excitement in London since a year ago when a thousand British scrub-women paraded in front of Buckingham Palace, blowing rubber raspberries. It all came off to the Thanksgiving morning and every silly detail of it appeared in the afternoon papers of America.

* Leaflets Distributed.

If the men who poured their strength into the giant task of laying the Atlantic cables knew they were going to be used to traffic such elaborate nonsense as this, they would have cracked the whole job. Marconi, who gave half his life to fiddling around with wires and crystals inventing the radio, would have thrown the thing out the window and gone fishing.

Strawberries were rushed by airplane for the wedding breakfast and an 800 lb. cake was baked. In a veritable orgy of ceremony, the Royal couple were married twice in succession, once before breakfast and once after. The King and Queen paraded in a gold-plated carriage preceded by a "fanfare of trumpets." Bells chimed, cannons boomed and the pretty-bourgeoisie buzzed. All the tinsel parasites of Europe turned out in soldier suits and velvet gowns while England's unemployed millions looked on in hungry silence.

The day ended in what the newspapers termed a "gorgeous Royal ict." It is the age old custom of ruling aristocracies to precede their downfall by an extravagant show of arrogance and bad taste. The next move is for the workers of England to kick their gorgeous Royal behinds out of their expensive palaces and establish a workers' and farmers' government. This great carnival of idiocy was accompanied by a general lowering of the dold for all the unemployed.

The same paper, Thanksgiving day, announces, CITY'S HUNGRY DINE ON BEST IN LAND. At least it is something to have them confessing that the city is filled with hungry workers. I am mentioning this here in case the CITY'S HUNGRY didn't have the money to buy the paper and are not aware that the rancid slop they ate in Howard Street garbage kitchens was THE BEST IN THE LAND.

The S. F. Emergency Relief Commission runs a station at Clara and Fifth Street where unemployed men can stand in line for an hour and then get a slip of paper good for ten cents in trade. They can take this to the Howard Street hash houses where the dirtiest rotgut filth in creation is heated up and served as food. If any of the spoiled parasites who do all the blowing about "helping the poor" were to get even a smell of this slop they would vomit. The men whogulp down this stinkin' come out, not nourished but nauseated.

This is supposed to be a humor column and I'm doing my best. But there isn't a damn thing funny about any of the subjects I have to deal with. If you don't get any laughs out of it, then I hope you get a load of powerful, constructive hate that will blast every one of these dirty parasites off their high horses.

To finish this "humor," I am supposed to make a joke out of the fact that on Thanksgiving day, they handed these destitute men the same checks rubber stamped twenty cents so they could eat twice as much slop. If there is anything funny about that, I hope you laugh your liver up.

My God! Have we forgotten how to fight? Our ancestors were pioneers, revolutionists — they tamed the wildest continent in a single century. They left us the richest land on earth. If you want to brag about being Americans, for the love of C— join the Communist Party and make America fit to brag about.

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SOVIET VS. AMERICAN PRISONS

Soviet Prisons Aim To Reform Men, Not Punish

By JOHN HUNT

In the Soviet Union, the prison is a place to reform the criminal, to educate him to be a useful citizen in society. The prisoner is regarded, not as an object to be punished, but as the victim of social surroundings which have led him astray.

There are three main types of prisons in the Soviet Union: the prison commune, the agricultural prison and the industrial prison. The assignment to a prison will depend upon the prisoner's past record and the possibility of reforming him.

* The Prison Commune

If he is a first offender, and especially if he is a peasant, he may be sent to a prison commune. This is a collective farm composed entirely of convicts. In appearance it is the same as any other collective farm. There are no gates or barriers. No armed guards are visible, nothing could stop a prisoner from leaving.

But they don't leave. Why should they? The prison terms are not long (ten years is the maximum), they receive credit for good behaviour, and if they run away their term will be lengthened. On the prison commune they live the life of a collective farmer working in the fields, for which they are paid, attending school in the evening, and are subject only to mild supervision by the superintendent, and to the requirement that they are not supposed to leave the commune.

A new revelation, though with plenty of precedent where Los Angeles strikes are concerned, is the fact that the police on strike detail are having their restaurant meals paid for by the Los Angeles Railway.

Yesterday a near strike was staged by Nick Harris thugs who stood grumbling in front of the Los Angeles Railway offices. They were bitter because their blood money hadn't been forthcoming.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—Two striking street car employees, Paul Cross and Frank Striebel, are held at central jail on charges of suspicion of arson. This followed burning of a street car at Third and Bixel Sts. last night. President H. A. Featherstone of the union declared that both Cross and Striebel were at union headquarters when the car was burned and that they were sent to investigate the fire.

Yesterday's street car fire was the major event of the day. Numerous cars were stoned and several cars beaten up.

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ignite the assassination as part of a widespread "rebel" plot.

This, of course, is vicious nonsense.

Whether Kirov's assassin was an instrument of some counter-revolutionary sect acting in the interests of the Soviet Union's imperialist enemies, or whether the act was one of a demented person, has not yet been cleared up at this time. But whichever it was, the workers' and farmers' government of the Soviet Union is the most secure in the world, resting as it does, on the enthusiastic support of 170,000,000 people whose standard of living is constantly rising as socialist construction and collectivization progresses.

The strikers joined them in mass picketing of all car and bus barns in the city.

Meantime, with P. A. Donoghue, West Coast Regional Supervisor here, the federal officials renewed their attempts to end the strike. Conferences are slated between company and union officials.

"The government," said Donoghue, "is determined that this strike must end. I am here to try to end it. Both sides must be reasonable. I will not expect either side to concede everything."

Thus, the stage is being set to sell out the strikers. The company has locked out the strikers and, as the company's one concession they may agree to take the strikers back, provided no strike demands are conceded.

From all parts of the country unions and other organizations of workers are electing representatives to make this the biggest fight yet made—and force back the attacks which Hopkins, Ekes and Morganian are planning.

Hopkins, who receives reports

from all state SERA offices throughout the country, is aware of the fact that the withdrawal

of Federal aid from the unemployed at this time would result

in a mass movement by the un-

employed to regain what they have won through struggle.

Hopkins therefore does not think it expedient to cut Federal Relief off, and proposes forming a

Recent disturbances in San Quentin, in which men have been killed, beaten up or put in solitary confinement for alleged radical activities, have served to call the public's attention to the rottenness of the present prison system under capitalism. Overcrowding, lack of exercise, poor food, the brutality of the guards, together form a combination which destroys the morale of the inmates, who leave the prison mere vestiges of humanity.

At San Quentin there is work for only half the prisoners. The other half degenerate from idleness. But the half who work do so in jute mills which wreck their health without teaching them any trade useful outside the prison gates. At the same time the products which they produce compete on the market, and replace goods which might otherwise be made by now unemployed workers. Some 2,000 prisoners, eligible for parole, must remain in prison because there is no employment for them outside. No wonder some of them work for a system of society which will give them a chance.

The agricultural prison is more like a jail. It is situated on a farm, which is worked by the inmates. The city prisons are attached to factories, where the prisoners work and learn trades. While not as free as prison communes, the prisoner is paid for his work, is educated to be a useful citizen, and has certain privileges allowed him which in the United States would be regarded as pampering and denounced as an incentive to crime.

* Vacation for Prisoners

The discipline is mild, consisting of taking away privileges, and the guards are educated to treat prisoners with respect. Like all other institutions in the Soviet Union, the prison is a democratic organization, in which the prisoners meet, discuss their problems, present suggestions for improvements or complaints of the way the prison is run, and act as a court to try prisoners for infractions of the rules.

Ending Federal Jobless Relief Being Weighted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Roosevelt's announced policy of shifting the burden of unemployment relief to state governments will be brought to a showdown shortly when a plan formulated by Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins is placed before him. The plan calls for the formation of an eight billion dollar Federal Work Relief Corporation, funds from which are to be used to provide work relief along the lines of the PWA.

Rallying the fight against the FERA order which cuts relief scales wherever they may be higher than pay for labor in private industry, and so invites the bosses to cut their wages still further, the National Unemployment Councils are urging relief workers to call strikes on relief jobs against the cuts.

The fight for more relief and for real unemployment insurance such as is embodied in the Works Bill HR 7598 will reach a national focus in the National Congress for Unemployment Insurance opening in Washington Jan. 5, 6 and 7, just after the opening of Congress.

From all parts of the country unions and other organizations of workers are electing representatives to make this the biggest fight yet made—and force back the attacks which Hopkins, Ekes and Morganian are planning.

Federal Work Relief Corporation.

There is a sharp division among cabinet members and presidential advisors in the "brain" trust as to the advisability of cutting off all Federal relief.

Printed cards for this purpose should be secured at once at I. L. D. headquarters at 1005 Market St., San Francisco, and 127 S. Broadway, Los Angeles.

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WESTERN WORKER

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Editorial Column

Forge A Mighty Class Weapon

The Industrial Association of San Francisco, the organized expression of the naked class interests of the bourgeoisie, has recently circulated among bankers and big business interests a bulletin made up largely of quotations from the Western Worker.

The cover of the bulletin is a reproduction of a Western Worker cartoon which appeared shortly after the maritime strike. The object of the bulletin is to impress the large employers of labor with the fact that the very existence of the Western Worker is a threat to their wage-cutting, union-smashing program.

Once properly impressed, the Industrial Association knows, the employers will act. The bulletin, by its contents, makes clear what that action will be. It clearly calls for a revival, on an organized scale, of acts of vandalism against the Western Worker offices and press. It calls for the smashing of the organ of the Communist Party.

The issuance of this bulletin at this time is no accident. It comes right on the heels of Merriam's election. It's call for violence against the Western Worker is made at the time that Roosevelt publicly scraps the flowery promises he made, when he launched the N.R.A., about reduced working hours and higher wages.

The Industrial Association, aware of the tremendous role played by the Communist Party in organizing the employed and unemployed workers and small farmers to resist this sharpened offensive by the capitalist class, wants to strangle it's voice!

The Industrial Association has openly thrown its arrogant challenge in the face of the workers of California. Our answer to that challenge must be the strengthening and building of the Western Worker. We must turn it into a weapon which no amount of incitement to fascist violence can blunt, a weapon which will rout the attacks of the Roosevelts and the Merriams and the Hearsts and lead the working class into launching its irresistible counter-offensive!

Our answer to the Industrial Association, the bankers, ship-owners and traction interests, lies in the hands of every worker and small farmer who reads the Western Worker, and of the hundreds of thousands they must act to reach.

A brief survey of the outstanding steps taken recently by the capitalist class to concentrate and intensify its drive against the working class shows conclusively the burning need of immediate action:

The abolition by the Federal Relief Administration of the work relief minimum wage of thirty cents an hour. Since this step has been taken in Washington, the California SERA office has received numerous letters from employers demanding a sharp cut in relief work pay. In the Imperial Valley the SERA has already been used to cut the wages of agricultural workers.

The "reorganization" of the N.R.A. on the basis of a forty-hour week and the open rejection of the workers' demand for a thirty-hour week with no reduction in pay. This is accompanied by the beginning of a general wage-cutting drive, launched by the Federal government which recently, with the support of Green of the A. F. of L., cut the wages of building construction workers on government building projects.

Roosevelt's abandonment of any pretense at giving real unemployment insurance, by speaking of unemployment insurance by "contributions" and by building up "state reserves," while Merriam also speaks of unemployment insurance but passes the buck to President Roosevelt. The unemployed workers are the football.

The expose of the maneuvers by Wall Street monopoly capitalists to organize and equip a fascist army, modeled after Hitler's storm troops, while Hearst daily reaches millions of people with his provocative, fascist attacks against the working class and its Communist Party.

These steps represent only the main lines of attack against the working class. The necessity for rousing hundreds of thousands and millions of workers to act in self-defense is clear. The most effective field marshal the working class of California has is the Western Worker, which can be used to reach those large numbers of workers and small farmers who have not yet been stirred to act in organized defense of their every-day interests.

The Western Worker, aware of its tremendous responsibility to the working class at this time, has launched a drive to secure 3,000 subscriptions and a fighting fund of \$7,000 by March first.

Putting this drive over the top will be a fitting answer to the challenge of the Industrial Association!

Every new subscriber to the Western Worker means equipping another soldier with ammunition for the battle to resist the capitalist offensive!

Every new subscription to the Western Worker is another coffin-nail for capitalism!

Build and spread your Western Worker! Forge it into a mighty class weapon!

At Last, From Today

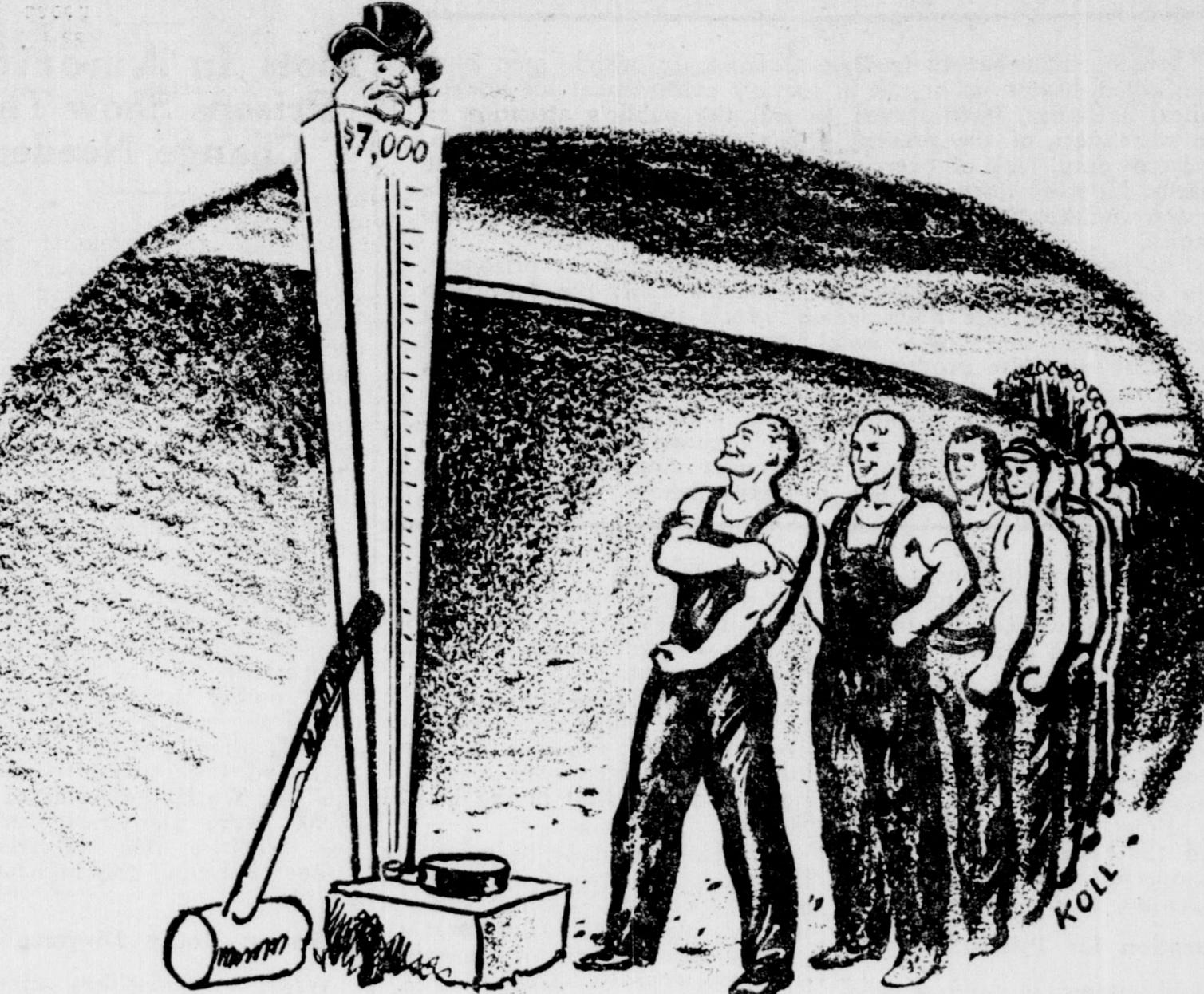
(This poem, translated from the Japanese, expresses the heroic spirit of the Japanese Communist Party, which carries out its day to day work in the face of the most extreme suppression. Ruthless terrorism, murder, torture and the jailing of thousands have failed to halt the steady growth of the revolutionary movement which is rated one of the strongest in the world. In the army, the navy, the factories and the fields the party is so firmly rooted as to strike terror in the hearts of Japanese capitalism.)

*At last, from today, I am going to live in a six foot dungeon.
The warden closes the door behind me!
And I am close to the walls, in the lockup!
I look around. . . In the corner a chamber;
On the steepness of the wall an iron gate.
What? Ropping from the cell next to mine?
I am going to rap back as a demonstration of freedom.
It is my liberty to knock on the wall
To transmit through it the solidarity of labor.*

*At last, from today, I am going to live in a six foot dungeon,
In this six foot square I will achieve
The continuation of my work.
The stealthy steps of prison espionage
Will not stop me.
The flaying iron and the leaden hose
Will not keep my mind from growing.
I will grow big!
I will grow strong from your political persecution
And will add annual rings like the cross-section of a tree.
Preferably, let us hope, the oak of labor,
And my comrades will batter the walls from without.*

Nakano Shigeharu.

"Sure! We'll Make It Easy!"



THE FATAL KNOCKING ON THE DOOR

OFFICIALS TRY TO SELL OUT BONUS FIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Authorities at Washington, fearful of the growing militancy of the rank and file members of the American Legion and other veterans' organizations, are seeking to arrange a compromise on the bonus which will satisfy the veterans without giving them any more than they have to.

The American Legion heads who tried to prevent the Legion from going on record for a bonus, will doubtless be the first ones to advocate a sellout. To this end the executive committee of the American Legion met November 24 to consider the resolutions adopted at the Miami Convention.

The probable line that the sell-out of the bonus will take was suggested by Chairman Buchanan (Democrat, Texas), of the House Appropriations Committee. He favors immediate cash payment to veterans now on relief rolls. By this means the amount they receive will be charged against what they are allowed for relief. The veterans would not only receive no more than they are getting now, but they will in the end receive less, because they will not receive anything for their adjusted service certificates when due.

By AGNES SMEDELY

THE STORY SO FAR:

During the second Communist suppression campaign by the Kuomintang forces (the army of Chiang Kai-shek subsidized by foreign imperialists) the Red Army withdrawn from a section of Soviet China and has fortified itself in a more strategic defense position in the mountain passes. The greatest

amine the captives, the main arming thousands, sending others body of the Red Army turned fleeing through the night, the landlords who escaped in time and swept down the Northern Tungku Pass where there had fleding in terror after them. Tungku basin had already been brought to them by fleeing White officers who had ripped from their uniforms all insignia of their rank. The White divisions at the north were already in full flight toward Kian.

The whole Soviet region around Tungku then began to throw up tens of thousands of Peasant Artisans, Young Vanguards, Red Guards, and men, women and children armed with nothing but hoes, axes, spears, and scalding water. The Red Army left them to follow up the retreating Whites while it turned and marched back through Tungku basin and down over the Shih Yin Pass on Hsinkwo.

Three White divisions had tried to hem in Shih Yin Pass, but now on all sides of them the earth seemed to be erupting Red troops. Those who remain behind pretend to welcome the Kuomintang forces. Under cover of this supposed loyalty to the bankers and big landowners, they are able to penetrate the ranks of the white army and spread Communist propaganda. The Kuomintang officers, deceived by this strategy, have offered the peasants money to act as their guides in an attack against the Red Army fortified in the hills. Still acting in the interests of the Soviets, the peasants accept the money and lead their enemies into the Nine Level Pass.

Now go on with the story.

Slowly a little of the truth had begun to creep into the Kuomintang and foreign press in the port cities. And a mighty roar arose from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, Hankow, Landlords, merchants, capitalists, foreigners, banged on the doors of the Kuomintang in Shanghai and Nanking, demanding that General Chiang Kai-shek, dictator of the Nanking Government, leader of the counter-revolution, leave at once for Kiangsi to take personal charge of the war on Soviet China.

Pitiful appeals were penned by the landlords and money-lenders in the port cities.

"What will happen to us if our General Chiang does not suppress the Reds?" they cried in despair.

"Look at the fate of the White Guard Russians and consider!"

The Red bandits have killed ten million peasants, burned twenty million houses, burned one million towns and villages!"

Representatives of foreign governments sent telephone calls which were demands to the highest of Nanking politicians and militarists. Was Chiang Kai-shek going to the front or not? they asked, hanging the table.

An emotional orgy swept over the landlords, capitalists, and Christians of the port cities. Rich Chinese merchants, prosperous gangsters and smart opium traffickers, and factory owners employing thousands of little children looked tearfully in one another's eyes and considered joining the Southern Methodist church themselves. The General Secretary of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. called his flock together, told them the glad news, and together they all lowered their heads in prayer. The chiefs of the Foreign Y. M. C. A. went down on all fours.

By the next train a large group of foreign Christian missionaries of all denominations, and pious Chinese Christians left for Nanking. They travelled first-class and ate their chow in pious, measured chows as they discussed this world-shaking event. In Nanking they proceeded to Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters and with him went down on their knees. With bowed heads they prayed to Almighty God to guide Chiang Kai-shek and save China from Communism. Chiang's military boots squeaked as they prayed.

They then all arose, and Northern Baptist embraced Southern Methodist. One missionary sobbed a low sob of emotion as he looked at Brother Chiang Kai-shek. And from the military tables beyond a military mule let out a long, pious bray.

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